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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 6019

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINS KS
SUBJ: DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES OF JULY 10

REF: SEOUL 5835

1. IN VIEW OF STUDENTS' THREAT TO DEMONSTRATE IN DOWNTOWN SEOUL
ONCE MORE ON JULY 10 (SEE REFTTEL), POLICE PRESENCE WAS HEAVY IN
THE AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY. HOWEVER, STUDENTS DID NOT RPT NOT
MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

2. DISSIDENTS DID MEET AT THE HOME OF FORMER PRESIDENT YUN
PO-SUN WHERE THEY RELEASED A DECLARATION SIGNED BY 246 PEOPLE.
TEXT OF DECLARATION BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL. DECLARATION WAS
STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT WHICH VOWED TO BREAK THE YUSIN SYSTEM
AND REJECTED ALL ELECTIONS HELD UNDER IT. SIGNATORIES RESOLVED
TO SUPPORT POOR FARMERS AND WORKERS IN THEIR OWN STRUGGLES TO
PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS, VOWED TO STRUGGLE FOR A FREE PRESS, TO
FIGHT FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND FOR THE
REINSTATEMENT OF DISMISSED STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, REPORTERS,
AND WORKERS.

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3. STATEMENT ALSO CONDEMNED REGIME'S SELF-SERVING UNIFICA-
TION POLICY. SIGNATORIES STATED THAT UNIFICATION COULD
ONLY COME THROUGH "PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DETENTE". THEME THAT
DISSIDENTS ARE MORE CAPABLE OF ADOPTING POLICIES CONDUCIVE
TO UNIFICATION OF TWO KOREAS RELATIVELY NEW TO HUMAN RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN. IT WAS INTRODUCED IN EARLY 1978 BUT APPEARS TO
HAVE STRONGEST PRESENTATION IN THIS DOCUMENT.

4. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT HAD REPORTS THAT SECURITY FORCES HARASSED MEETING OR THAT ANYONE HAS YET BEEN DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MEETING OR STATEMENT.

5. WE UNDERSTAND STATEMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS, BUT IT HAS RECEIVED NO PUBLICITY HERE. YUN PO-SUN, HAM SOK-HUN, MRS. KIM TAE-CHUNG, AND CORE OF OLD FAITHFUL DISSIDENTS SIGNED STATEMENT AS DID MANY LESSER FRY IN ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION.
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